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TWO DAY S. S. CONVENTION A PLEASING ONE

GOOD ADDRESSES ON MATTERS THAT PERTAIN TO THE WORK WERE OF INTEREST.

The Young People's Conference Fine

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association held in this city on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, was without a doubt one of the finest conventions that has ever been held by the association, and is certain to be productive of much good in the Sunday school work throughout the county in the coming months.

The features of the meeting of the convention held Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian church were the symposium, "The Unchurched Nineteenth of Gratiot," in regard to which several prominent pastors of the county spoke, and the address on the history of the Sunday School Association movement by Professor F. S. Goodrich of Albion College.

Saturday evening's meeting at the Methodist church at which F. L. Convis of Ithaca presided, had for its feature a second address by Professor Goodrich, "Making a Living or Making a Life," which was not only highly interesting, but also very instructive to the Sunday school workers who were fortunate enough to hear this able speaker.

Sunday morning special services were held in connection with the convention in the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Christian churches, the music and addresses being especially interesting. Professor Goodrich with an address, "Construct or Deconstruct," was the speaker at the Presbyterian church. Professor C. A. Wright, the county director, spoke at the Baptist church on the subject, "Religious Education." Rev. William Roberts of Ithaca, who has made a close study of child delinquency in the county, gave an address at the Methodist church on the subject, "Childhood Delinquency—The Remedy." The address, "The Sunday School, the Hope of the Church," by Dr. John R. Latchum, was the feature of the service at the Christian church.

Following a basket picnic Sunday noon, fine meetings were held at the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

The meeting at the Baptist church was a young people's conference on the question, "What Can We Do to Help the Sunday School," which brought out some matters of vital interest pertaining to Sunday School work. Some fine music selections were given during the conference which proved of considerable interest.

Reports of the secretary, the treasurer and the director of religious education in the county were given at the meetings held at the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches. In addition some very interesting addresses were given. Professor Wright gave an address at the Presbyterian Church on the subject, "Our Country and Its Religious Needs." President Crooks of Alma College gave the feature address at the meeting at the Methodist church.

ST. LOUIS HIT BY A BAD FIRE

ELEVATOR IN SISTER CITY WAS DESTROYED BY FLAMES EARLY WEDNESDAY.

The branch elevator of the Bad Axe Grain Company, located in St. Louis, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour Wednesday, and it was only by the hardest kind of work that the fire department of that city, assisted by members of the Alma Fire Department, managed to save the hay sheds adjoining.

Just how the fire started is not known. The flames had gained a big headway before they were discovered soon after 5:00 a. m., when the alarm was turned in. When the St. Louis department arrived on the scene the building was blazing fiercely, and there appeared little prospect of saving the structure.

The loss from the fire will be a heavy one, and may possibly exceed \$25,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

It is understood that there were two carloads of beans, two carloads of oats, over 1,500 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of rye in the elevator at the time of the fire, all of which was burned or ruined.

Stop Hauling On New Road

On complaint of Glenn Wideman, St. Johns contractor, a preliminary injunction was granted Wednesday against Gratiot county and the Gratiot County Board of Road Commissioners restraining them from driving loaded gravel trucks over the road in Greenbush township recently built by Mr. Wideman. The injunction has been served and it is believed that no further steps will be necessary to relieve the situation.

The road in question, which runs south from Eureka several miles and then west to French's corners, has been fully completed and is ready for inspection and acceptance by the state highway department. The road is closed to public traffic and is so marked by legible signs. Mr. Wideman claims that the Gratiot county truck drivers are disregarding these signs and are driving north over the route into Gratiot county with their trucks loaded with gravel from the road pit. This, of course, does damage to the road and must be stopped. —St. Johns News.

HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN ITS SEASON

MULLIN'S AGGREGATION WILL MEET THE ST. LOUIS ELEVEN IN THE CURTAIN RAISER.

Coach George Mullin's Alma high school football aggregation will stage the curtain raiser of the 1921 football season on Davis field Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, meeting the St. Louis high eleven in what is expected will be a good battle.

The local outfit will start the season with eight veterans in the line-up and with prospects of a crack aggregation once the team gets away from its initial contest and acquires a degree of confidence. The fact that Anderson and Elias entered school Monday will make possible the use of the eight veterans in this fray. Hyde, an end, who has been counted upon to make a valuable man this season, does not expect to be able to don the redskins this season.

The old men who are expected to start against St. Louis are Garner, Wallace, D'Armond, Elias, S. Sartor, Marzoff, Handley, and Anderson. In addition to these men Mullin will have Holmes, Veeder, Wyant, subs last year and the year previous who are expected to develop into promising men, and Nelson, Conarton, Warner, Patterson and Lamb, all of whom are showing promise.

The team that will start the game Friday will be picked probably from the following men, but it is expected that all of them will get a chance at some stage of the contest: Ends, Elias, Patterson, Wyant, Veeder; tackles, Anderson and Marzoff; guards, Holmes and Conarton; centers, D'Armond and Nelson; quarter, Wallace; halves, Handley and Sartor; full, Garner.

The kind of a team that St. Louis will bring against the Alma eleven on Davis field is unknown, but it is expected that the visitors will show the usual light and scrappy bunch of grid warriors.

THE CITY DIRECTORY

A new and up-to-date city directory has just been issued by The Record Press. It is complete in every detail, and contains a great deal of information.

The directory gives the names and addresses of all citizens of the city and rural routes.

It gives the names of all city officials, supervisors and Chamber of Commerce officers.

It contains a valuable street directory naming and locating every street and avenue in the city.

It contains a professional and a tradesman directory that at once enables one to locate professional men and tradesmen.

It locates churches, schools and business institutions.

It locates all people on the rural routes, giving the distance and direction from town.

These directories give complete information. Call at the Record office and get a copy or obtain one from Burton Hopkins.

CLASS RUSH FRIDAY

The annual flag rush between the Sophomore and Freshman classes at Alma College will be staged Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The preliminary activities of the rush started on Wednesday night, when Taite of Detroit, president of the Fresh class, was kidnapped and spirited out of the city. From that time on the members of the two classes have been roving around in small bands hoping to pick off members of the opposition and make away with them until after the class scrap.

Free Air at Lewis & Ellisons.—advertisement.

MICHIGAN C. OF C. TO MEET IN THIS CITY

ALMA SELECTED FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Meeting to Be Held in February

Two matters of importance to the Alma Chamber of Commerce have come up during the past week that promise to have a considerable bearing on the future of the organization, the most important of these being the selection of Alma as the place for the holding of the annual convention of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

H. E. Reece, secretary of the local organization, was in Kalamazoo the latter part of last week attending the semi-annual meeting of the Michigan Chambers of Commerce, and it was while he was attending the convention and using his efforts in behalf of this city, that the delegates there saw the wisdom of selecting Alma as the place for the next session. The annual meeting will be held in February.

Mrs. Francis King in behalf of the Civic League has requested that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a committee to meet with a committee from the league to decide upon the conditions surrounding the affiliation of the Civic League with the Alma Chamber of Commerce. An invitation was recently extended to the league to become affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce by the latter organization.

AUTO GOES IN DITCH

Wednesday evening while enroute to St. Louis an automobile driven by Victor Slater went into a ditch and was badly wrecked. Very fortunately several young people who were with Slater in the auto escaped with only a shaking up.

Civic League Has Interesting Meeting

At a meeting of the Civic League held at the home of Mrs. Francis King Thursday several matters of interest were under discussion.

H. E. Reece, secretary-manager of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, was present and in behalf of the Alma Chamber of Commerce extended the formal invitation to the organization to affiliate with the Chamber of Commerce. The matter was referred to the executive committee for consideration.

After a considerable discussion regarding the converting Waterworks park into a tourist park, a decision was reached to petition the city commission not to consider using that locality for the purpose.

A matter of more than local interest is the project of the League to set out an avenue of shade trees on the state highway from Alma to St. Louis. The league voted to start the planting of the trees at once.

Miss Edith Cook, librarian of Technical High School in Cleveland, gave a short talk in regard to her work and made some splendid suggestions for the use of the library committee of the Civic League.

Fred Soule of Boston, who has charge of Norfolk House, spoke in regard to his work with children in recreational lines. He commented very favorably on Wright Park as a children's playground which is already well equipped as far as teeters and swings are concerned. The league was urged, however, to establish a supervised play-system, for the benefit of the health of the children, and their morals as well.

Mrs. Rose Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Messinger of this city, whose home is in Buenos Aires, one of the largest cities in South America, gave an interesting description of the architecture and also of a rose garden there that is one of the most noted in the world.

In a short talk in regard to cannas, Mrs. King said that the misuse of the canna bulb was in planting it on too small a plot, the fault in her opinion, of unscrupulous salesmen representing unreliable nurseries.

The next meeting of the Civic League will be held at the home of Mrs. King, the first Friday in October.

TWO MEN INJURED

Sergeant Wilson, in charge of the horses of the local cavalry troop, and Lee Mallory were both kicked this morning by horses when they were being unloaded. Mallory was not very severely injured. Pears are entertained that Sergeant Wilson may have been internally injured.

Gladiolus Display Was A Fine One

Although the chairman of the Gladiolus Group of the Alma Garden Club and instrumental in putting on the display of two weeks ago, allow me to say, that it was quite satisfactory, considering the dearth of the blooms, owing to weather conditions up to that time. Since then, the frequent rains have improved the situation and in many gardens a wealth of splendid spikes is to be seen. At the show, which was held at the First State Bank, there were but eight contributors, but among the 25 varieties shown by Miss Anna Angel, were notable spikes of Hally, Faust, George Paul, Butterfly and Alice Tiplady.

From the garden of Mr. S. Bennett, were Splendor, Oriflame, and Panama, which attracted attention. A tall flourishing spike of the flame-colored variety, known as Mrs. Francis King, was from my garden. It is interesting to read, that at a wonderful Gladiolus Show, held at "Alma College" in St. Thomas, Ontario, an unique flower was shown by Mr. Hinkle, which he said was "an old friend in a new dress," the same being Mrs. Francis King, not in her original flame colored dress, but in a gown of beautiful apple-blossom pink.

Once in a while a reliable bulb does not bloom true to name, but taken all in all, for a most satisfactory bulb, which will give more for the amount of labor expended than any other, select Gladioli; they will prove the "Glory of your Garden."—Mrs. Ezra Smith.

CAVALRY UNIT NEEDS FUNDS

ONLY \$700 RAISED IN INITIAL SOLICITATION AND \$1,500 MORE IS NOW NEEDED.

Fifteen teams of two men each, who will work under the direction of Karl R. Adams, will be out on Wednesday and Thursday of next week for further solicitation for Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard of this city, which is still in need of considerable funds to take care of the remodeling of the Wright House barns into headquarters for the troop.

A committee consisting of a number of the solicitors visited the barns before the arrangement meeting was held Tuesday, and expressed considerable surprise at the amount of work which had already been done with the meager funds that the troop has had to work with. Anyone who is desirous of ascertaining the amount of work which has already been done is cordially invited to visit the headquarters for the purpose, although it is the plan of the troop to have a formal opening of the headquarters after the work is completed.

In the previous solicitation for the troop about \$700 was procured towards the remodeling, \$200 of which was subscribed for the purpose by members of the organization. Approximately \$1,500 more is understood to be needed for the work that must yet be done, and care for other preliminary matters.

Its exhibition drill on the streets of Alma last week must have convinced the public that Alma has a fine troop that is deserving of a goodly amount of support, and the officers of the cavalry unit feel confident that Alma will do its part in making the organization a real success.

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB

The Arcada Farmers' Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb, one mile west and one-half mile south of Alma, Thursday, September 22. All members asked to be present. Please bring plates and cups.

Opening song, No. 38.

Prayer by Rev. Shafter.

Song No. 63.

Address of Welcome by Mrs. Webb.

Recitation by Mrs. Bird Clark.

Reading by Mrs. Rockefeller.

Talk on "Keeping The Young Folks on The Farm," by Mrs. Hector Smith.

Question Box.

Closing song, No. 191.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Isham, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Hanford, committee.

SAGINAW RACES

Auto race fans in eastern Michigan who have been waiting for years to see Wilcox, Huebner, Long and Dudek pitted against professional drivers will have their chance Saturday, the last day of the Saginaw fair when one of the best dirt track professionals in the country will be here with blood in his eye prepared to clean up the Michigan boys if he can. Another feature will be the 25 mile race. This was tried for the first time a few weeks ago and kept 6,000 people on their feet cheering for 32 minutes, the length of the race. The races start at 2:30 o'clock.

WHOLESALE TO BE HERE OCTOBER 13

SIXTY FROM GRAND RAPIDS WILL BE HERE ON TRADE EXTENSION TOUR.

Furniture City Band Is Coming

The city of Alma is one of the scheduled stops on the Grand Rapids Wholesalers Trade Extension Trip to be held October 11, 12, 13, and 14, the wholesalers of the Furniture City coming to Alma on the third day of the trip.

The wholesalers have arranged for a deluxe pullman train for the trip this year and as a result will be able to arrange the visits in the various cities to suit the needs to a great extent at least.

The wholesalers will spend the second night of the trip at Mt. Pleasant, and early in the morning of the third day will visit Shepherd for a half hour. From Shepherd the wholesalers will come to Alma and will devote the balance of the morning between this city and St. Louis. An hour and fifteen minutes, from 8:30 until 9:45, will be spent in Alma. The journey to St. Louis and return will then be made. The visitors will return to Alma at 11:50 and fifteen minutes later will leave for Ithaca.

About sixty Grand Rapids wholesale houses will be represented on the trip. The Furniture City band will be one of the features. The band will furnish music at the various stops, under the direction of its able leader, Orris Bonnie.

The arrangements for the visit of the Grand Rapids Wholesalers to this city on October 13, are in the hands of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, which has already started the ball rolling to make things interesting for the Grand Rapids people while they are in Alma.

Alma Growing As Trade Center

If you visit a big store in a large city, you feel very much of a stranger. You are one of a crowd that surges through the place and no one takes interest in you. It is often difficult to get attention out of the salespeople, who seem concerned in their own affairs and are frequently pert and saucy.

It is a different proposition when you visit the stores of Alma where you are greeted with a cordial welcome. Many of them are exceedingly systematic and painstaking in their efforts to win the favor of friends at a distance.

In all these stores the clerks are instructed to recognize these visitors by name if possible, and to cultivate personal relations with them. They urge the out of town people, if at any time they are not too busy to attend to needed shopping, to call up by telephone one of these clerks whom they have met personally, and any of these salespeople will be glad to attend to their purchases, and send the same out by parcel post. Any of these clerks will take a great deal of pains to suit a person with whom they have formed such relations. They often go round from store to store, to find something that will just fit what a customer has called for over the wire or by letter.

As a result of these methods, the business field of Alma is constantly extending. People come long distances to visit a city where they get this personal attention. In some places there has been some feeling among the people of the outlying country that the town folks were not interested in them. It has been the spirit in Alma that it is built on the prosperity of the surrounding country, and everyone within a radius of many miles is considered as one of the home folks.

METHODISTS ARE INTERESTED

The annual session of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet this year, Sept. 20 to 25 at Benton Harbor. Rev. M. W. Duffey who is closing his fourth year as pastor of the local church expects to leave for the Conference on Monday morning.

Next Sunday will be the last of the conference year. At the morning service, eleven o'clock, there will be observed the sacrament of baptism. New members will also be received. It is expected that large congregations of members and friends will take part in these closing Sunday services, and greet Mr. Duffey as he closes his year's work. On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Presbyterians, and perhaps others, will unite with the Methodist congregation.

Big Reservoir Ready to Connect

The final section of 1,200,000 gallon reservoir for the city's new well water system was poured a few days ago, and it is expected that within another week the big reservoir will be ready to connect up with the elevated tank and the balance of the system.

The section was left when the concrete was poured on the forms for the reservoir, this being necessary as some means of removing the large forms was necessary after the concrete had dried to a sufficient extent to allow them to be removed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new well that is being put down and it is expected that it will be ready within a short time. The length of time that will be required is of course problematical, but it is hoped that the well may be ready by the time that the reservoir is connected up.

The probabilities are that it will not be more than four or five weeks now before the system will again be ready to connect up with the wells and the entire city furnished with a pure well water supply.

HEAVY MEN FOR THE GRID SPORT

CAMPBELL HAS A GOOD BUNCH OF HUSKIES ON MAROON AND CREAM SQUAD.

Football practice under the direction of Coach Roy Campbell started at Alma College Tuesday afternoon with a bunch of huskies numbering about two dozen reporting for initial practice. The number was augmented considerably on Wednesday and it is expected that between forty and fifty men will be out before the week is over.

Four old men are all who have so far reported to Coach Campbell, these being Captain Waggoner of Bad Axe, and Rose of Ashley, ends; Tarrant and McNaughton, tackles. It is expected that two or three more men from last year's aggregation will be out before the week is over.

A large number of the new men are evidently men of good promise and indications are bright for a far faster aggregation than the Maroon and Cream had a year ago. The team is certain to be much heavier than that of last year.

Among the men of the squad who have so far turned out who are rated as high school stars and are expected to make hard fights for places on the team are Shaffer of Bay City and B. Sartor, ends; Taite of Detroit, tackle; Fay Hunter of Newberry, center; Catherman of Farmington, quarter; Fester and Anderson of Newberry, and Lovell of Crosswell, halves, and Wright of Crosswell and Hilderly of Reed City, fullbacks.

In addition to the above named men who seem to have plenty of class there are a number of other men any one of whom may show Coach Campbell during the coming week that he has all the earmarks of a real football star.

With a fine bunch of material it is expected that there will be some real fights for positions on the Maroon and Cream aggregation this year, and this with better coaching, and better material is expected to develop a fine gridiron team.

Campbell expects to send the men through the paces in great shape during the coming two weeks in preparation for the opening game of the season with the Michigan Angies at East Lansing on October 1, and it is certain that the men will be given long workouts daily, at least until after the Aggie fray.

Lockers Arrive For Alma Cavalry

More supplies for Troop C 106th Cavalry of this city arrived the first of the week and are now being put in the troop headquarters in the Wright House barns.

The new supplies consist of 39 all steel lockers for the use of the members of the troop. These lockers, which were furnished by the state, arrived here Tuesday and were immediately unloaded and taken to the headquarters, where they are now being erected by an expert from the Terrell Equipment company and two workers.

They will be all up and ready for use before the last of the week and will fill a big need that has been felt since the equipment for the men was secured.

BURNS SCHOOL REUNION

The Burns school reunion will be held at the Arcada Grange hall on Thursday, September 22. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend and bring well-filled baskets. Automobiles will meet the morning motors on the Ann Arbor at Churches crossing.

ENROLLMENT AT COLLEGE IS PLEASING

OVER TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS ENROLLED UP TO NOON YESTERDAY.

Over a Hundred In Frosh Class

Alma College opened Tuesday with the finest prospects for the future that it has ever had, the enrollment showing well over two hundred students taking the various college courses, a number practically equal to the number of students of past years, when the Kindergarten department was one of the drawing features of the college, bringing a large number of young women to Alma to take this course.

This means, naturally, that the enrollment in the college courses proper is greater this year than ever before in the history of the institution, as the figures of past years included those taking the Kindergarten department courses.

The Kindergarten department was abolished last June, when the trustees after a thorough deliberation decided that Alma could best be made a strong college by dropping this department and bending all efforts on a liberal arts institution.

The Freshman class this year is the largest, it is believed, in the history of the college. At noon yesterday when the registration period was expected to come to a close, more than one hundred Freshmen had registered. More new students are straggling in, and it would not be surprising if the class would number close to 120.

A few are also coming into some of the other classes late and this will serve to boost the total enrollment somewhat, and it is possible that the total enrollment may exceed 225, when all of them have arrived.

It is noteworthy that the enrollment this year includes more students from Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and Bay City and other of the large Michigan cities than ever before. The northern peninsula of the state is also very well represented in the college this year. Crosswell, a little town in the Thumb gets the honor of having more students at Alma College this year than any other place in the state in proportion to the population.

The student body of the college will probably show that two or more foreign countries are represented this year. The Y. M. C. A. and the college provided last year for a student scholarship for a foreign student this year. This scholarship will bring a Russian student to Alma. Word is expected to be received within a few days whether or not Alma will get another French student. Alma has had two in the past, Marie Boissol, now a member of the faculty, and Andre Pratouy, the latter a graduate last June, who is now engaged in secretarial work at Mrs. Henry Ford's home.

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WILL CLEAN THE STREET SUNDAY

WALKS AND PAYMENT IN THE BUSINESS SECTION TO BE CLEANED FOR DAY.

The City of Alma is to clean up and put on a clean coat every Sunday morning in the future, it is understood, as a result of a meeting of the Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce held last Thursday evening.

No more is dirt on the pavement to be carried by a wind into the faces and over the clothes of those in Sunday garb, who are on the streets. Small bits of paper, etc., that are carried before the winds are to disappear, and the larger ones too.

The Merchants Bureau is asking every merchant in the city to sweep off the sidewalk in front of his business place just before closing time on Saturday night.

To clean up the litter from the Saturday evening business and street crowds, the city flusher is to be put on the job at an early hour Sunday morning to clean the pavement. The Bureau has made arrangements with the city officials so that this work will be done.